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Remarks

Reconsideration of the Final rejection under 35 USC 102(b) and 35 USC 103 (a) is hereby requested.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the reference to Fry et al.

Claims 4-6 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fry et al. in view of Jackson '312.

Claims 14 – 16 stand allowed.


Claims 7 – 13 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Such has been done. Dependent claim 7 has been cancelled, and its limitations have been included with the independent base claim 1, thus overcoming the Examiner's

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objections thereto. Independent claim 1, as amended is now deemed allowable. Dependent claims 2 - 13 being dependent upon a deemed allowable independent base claim are themselves believed allowable. Such action is earnestly solicited. The cited art neither shows nor suggests the invention of Applicant as presently claimed. Passage to allowance of the claims as amended is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned for a discussion of same.

Respectfully submitted,



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